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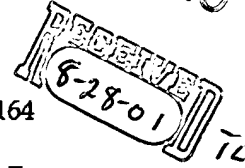
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For: DISPENSING SYSTEM AND
METHOD WITH RADIO
FREQUENCY CUSTOMER
IDENTIFICATION

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Group Art Unit: 2164

Examiner: Poinvil, F.



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Washington, D.C. 20231

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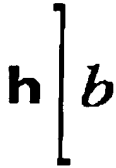
In response to the Examiner's telephone conference with the undersigned on July 25, 2001, Applicant submits the following request to reinstate erroneously canceled Claim 56 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

56. (Added) A fuel dispensing method with radio frequency customer identification capabilities for charging a customer for sales transacted by the customer, the method comprising:

determining whether a vehicle-mounted transponder containing customer identification data is within a vehicle fueling range of a dispenser, the dispenser requiring activation by the customer to initiate a transaction and including a reader associated therewith for emitting from a first antenna radio frequency signals within the vehicle fueling range, and for receiving customer identification data from the transponder responsive to the emitted radio frequency signals received by the transponder;

determining whether a hand-held transponder containing customer identification data is within a close range of the dispenser, the close range being smaller than the vehicle fueling



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